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**For** : **OPTICAL NETWORK SYSTEM WITH  
QUALITY CONTROL FUNCTION**

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Sir:

Applicant knows of no material prior art that can be cited to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in an Information Disclosure Statement. Should such prior art come to Applicants attention, it will promptly be brought to the Examiner's attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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